ABSTRACT

VIBRATING-BEAM ACCELEROMETER

Accelerometer micromachined in a plane plate comprising a base, and at least one measurement cell including a moveable seismic mass [[(1)]] connected to the base and capable of moving translationally along the sensitive y axis of the accelerometer under the effect of an acceleration γ along this y axis, a resonator cell that comprises a resonator [[(30)]] that can vibrate and be subjected to a tensile or compressive force depending on the direction of the acceleration γ and is placed symmetrically with respect to an axis of symmetry S of the structure, this axis S being parallel to the y axis and passing through the center of gravity of the seismic mass [[(1)]], the measurement cell furthermore including amplification means [[(2)]] for amplifying the acceleration force, which means comprise at least one anchoring foot [[(7)]] for anchoring to the base, two rigid terminations [[(4)]] of the resonator cell and two pairs of micromachined arms [[(5, 6)]] symmetrical with respect to the axis S, each pair comprising a first arm [[(5)]] connecting a termination [[(4)]] to the seismic mass [[(1)]], and a second arm [[(6)]] connecting the same termination [[(4)]] to the anchoring foot [[(7)]], the angle α between the Ox axis and the first arm being small enough for the tensile or compressive force exerted on the resonator [[(30)]] to be greater than the acceleration force exerted on the seismic mass [[(1)]].

Figure 1